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**STEVE HODGES**  
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The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Dockets 12-1863, 12-340, RM-11683

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

Hardly a day goes by that those of us in rural America aren't reminded of how many of our smaller communities continue to suffer. For many of us, a small town is where we were born and raised and where we want to live, work and raise our families. But many of my constituents cannot find a good job to support their family in our rural communities. Rural American continues to not enjoy the same benefits as our larger, metropolitan areas in Missouri. I sincerely believe that technology could be the great equalizer for rural America.

That's why I've written to you previously and again today to support LightSquared. I applaud the Commission's efforts to protect GPS, and I appreciate the role that GPS plays in the lives of so many of our farmers who use high-precision devices. But I have to tell you that I'm really impressed with LightSquared's latest creative solution to vacate the very spectrum that presented interference issues with GPS receivers and I strongly believe the FCC should grant LightSquared's application for license modification.

To me, this seems like an easy and fair solution and a great deal for rural America and the rest of the country. Please do not delay and move forward with allowing LightSquared to share spectrum with the federal government as it has proposed. It is way past time that our rural citizens have access to the kind of broadband technology that other Missourians in St. Louis and Kansas City have.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Hodges".  
Steve Hodges  
State Representative  
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cc: U.S. Senator Blunt & U.S. Senator McCaskill